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# ASCS Commodity Fact Sheet

## FLUE-CURED TOBACCO

### Summary of 1983 Support Program

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Agricultural  
Stabilization and  
Conservation  
Service

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**Legislative  
Authority:**

Farm marketing quotas on an acreage-poundage basis are in effect for 1983-crop flue-cured tobacco. Public Law 89-12, approved April 16, 1965, amended the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended to provide for acreage-poundage quotas. Producers voting in a referendum on December 16, 1983 approved the program for the 1983-85 crop years by 93.7 percent of those voting.

**Loan Level:**

The national average loan level for the 1983 crop flue-cured tobacco (types 11-14) will equal 169.9 cents per pound, the same as in 1982.

**Acreage  
Allotments:**

The national acreage allotment for 1983 is 457,516 acres.

**Acreage-  
Poundage  
Marketing  
Quotas:**

The 1983 effective marketing quota is 887 million pounds, 9 percent smaller than the 1982 quota; this includes adjustments to reflect undermarketings and overmarketings of farm quotas of previous years. Under acreage-poundage marketing quotas, if the marketings from a farm are less than the poundage quota for the farm, the difference is added to the farm's quota (both acres and pounds) for the following year. Marketings in excess of a farm's poundage quota are deducted the following year. The marketing year for flue-cured tobacco begins July 1.

**No Net Cost  
Tobacco Fund:**

As a condition of price support eligibility, flue-cured tobacco farmers must agree to contribute 7 cents per pound of tobacco marketed to a no net cost tobacco fund, which is a capital fund set up by the association, to ensure the operation of tobacco price support program at no net cost to the taxpayers. Also, allotment owners who lease and transfer marketing quotas must also pay an assessment of 7 cents per pound of quota transferred.

**Loan Method:**

The program is carried out through loans made available to the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation under contractual arrangement with the Commodity Credit Corporation. Loan rates are subject to grades.

**Warehouses:**

Flue-cured growers are required to designate the auction warehouse(s) at which they will market their 1983 crop to be eligible for price support.

During the 1983 crop, producers may contract with USDA to not harvest the bottom four leaves and plant up to 110 percent of their allotment in order to be eligible for price support. If they do not contract with USDA, producers must plant no more than 100 percent of their allotment to retain price support eligibility.

Producers are required to certify that they have not used restricted pesticides (DDT, TDE, toxaphene and endrin) on their 1983 crop tobacco.

Loan Investment: As of July 1, 1983, 676 million pounds (farm sales weight) of flue-cured tobacco valued at \$1,270 million were held under government loan. One year earlier, the quantity under loan totaled 531 million pounds and was valued at \$859 million.

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(For statistics for the years 1940 through 1959, see "Flue-Cured Tobacco Commodity Fact Sheet," dated April 1978.)

Crop Year	Production (million lbs.)	National Average Loan Level (cents per lb.)	Average Price to Farmers (cents per lb.)	Farm Value (million \$)
1960	1,251	55.5	60.4	755.9
1961	1,258	55.5	64.3	808.2
1962	1,408	56.1	60.1	846.1
1963	1,371	56.6	58.0	795.3
1964	1,388	57.2	58.5	811.8
1965	1,059	57.7	64.6	684.4
1966	1,108	58.8	66.9	741.6
1967	1,250 1/	59.9	64.2	810.8
1968	996 1/	61.6	66.6	653.5
1969	1,053	63.8	72.4	761.9
1970	1,178 1/	66.6	72.0	859.1
1971	1,076 1/	69.4	77.2	832.4
1972	1,022 1/	72.7	85.3	863.5
1973	1,159 1/	76.6	88.1	1,021.1
1974	1,245 1/	83.3	105.0	1,307.3
1975	1,415 1/	93.2	99.8	1,412.2
1976	1,316 1/	106.0	110.4	1,452.9
1977	1,124 1/	113.8	117.6	1,321.8
1978	1,206 1/	121.0	135.0	1,628.1
1979	946 1/	129.3	140.0	1,324.4
1980	1,086 1/	141.5	144.5	1,569.3
1981	1,144 1/	158.7	166.4	1,903.6
1982	994 1/	169.9 2/	178.6	1,775.3
1983		169.9 2/		

1/ Marketings

2/ The basic loan level was 175.9 cents in 1982 and 189.8 cents in 1983.

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<u>Crop Year</u>	<u>Acreage Harvested (thousand acres)</u>	<u>Yield Per Acre (pounds)</u>	<u>Domestic Use - (million pounds) -</u>	<u>Exports</u>	<u>Ending Carryover (million pounds)</u>
1960	691.8	1,808	792	475	2,090
1961	698.5	1,801	782	485	2,081
1962	729.8	1,930	777	431	2,281
1963	694.5	1,975	768	498	2,386
1964	627.6	2,211	775	444	2,555
1965	562.3	1,883	752	423	2,439
1966	607.3	1,825	687	587	2,273
1967	610.3	2,070	688	533	2,302
1968	533.0	1,841	672	525	2,100
1969	576.8	1,825	646	535	1,972
1970	584.1	2,042	640	534	1,976
1971	525.8	2,050	663	480	1,910
1972	513.6	1,971	664	519	1,749
1973	575.1	2,011	703	598	1,607
1974	616.3	2,014	652	548	1,652
1975	717.2	1,973	671	522	1,898
1976	666.6	1,974	634	514	2,075
1977	589.3	1,917	608	539	2,052
1978	602.1	2,046	584	599	2,075
1979	502.8	1,881	563	520	1,965
1980	555.1	1,957	530	509	2,013
1981	540.6	2,164	489	523	2,145
1982	473.3	2,126	479	456	2,205



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